



MICRO COMMUNITY POLICING SUMMARY

NEIGHBORHOOD NAME: CASCADE - EASTLAKE

(Includes Cascade - Eastlake Neighborhoods)

DEPARTMENT LEAD:

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COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

- Cascade Park - Specifically the population of drug addicted people, that use the park as their home/place to conduct their illegal activities; including narcotics use/sales and prostitution. Other common issues with this group are large amounts of trash/items left around in the common areas of the park, rowdy/aggressive behavior, drinking alcohol, camping in the park, and other low level parks violations. Much of this activity is centered on the public bathrooms there. They also use other locations in and around the park/neighborhood to use/sell drugs, engage in prostitution, and other criminal and nuisance activities.
- Traffic -Construction combined with the large influx of new people into the cascade/SLU area is causing daily gridlocks for traffic. This can often lead to collisions, road rage incidents, and dangerous driving issues, as well as being extremely inconvenient for residents, people who work in this area, and those who come to enjoy the different elements this area has to offer. It is reportedly having negative impacts for businesses as well, who find that patrons are coming less frequently because driving to/parking around their businesses has become so difficult. Many report dangerous circumstances around areas where pedestrians cross. There are also numerous complaints about car/bicycle transition spots that are dangerous.

PROBLEM SOLVING STRATEGIES

1. Increase police presence in the Cascade Park/Cascade Neighborhood o Vehicle patrols and premise checks
 - a. Bicycle patrols and premise checks
 - b. Foot beats, when available.
 - c. Conduct targeted operations with ACT and Narcotics to address the active drug market that is established there.
 - i. Buy bust operations
 - ii. Use of informants
2. Increase enforcement of lower level crimes, infractions, and parks violations of Enforce liquor related offenses
 - a. Enforce camping rules
 - b. Enforce other parks related offenses
3. Outreach efforts
 - a. Encourage target group to be amicable to entering shelter services/housing, offer alternatives to living in the park
 - b. Encourage target group to try or continue counselling services to Encourage target group to enter or continue substance abuse
 - c. Counseling/rehabilitation

- d. Maintain a friendly and respectful dialog
 - e. Consider expanding the LEAD project to include the Cascade neighborhood.
- 4. Liaison with neighborhood partners in residential buildings that have tenants who regularly contribute to this issue.
 - a. Encourage them to offer a more targeted or greater degree of services to these tenants
 - b. Encourage them to strictly enforce rules regarding these issues
 - c. Maintain a regular and friendly dialog with these partners
- 5. Regular and aggressive maintenance of foliage in the par to increase visibility of chronic offender hiding spots and discourage nefarious activities.
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- 7. Conduct a CPTED evaluation of the park, plaza area, Cascade People's Center, and pea patch to try and find environmental changes or improvements that will help address concerns
 - a. Planters in the plaza
 - b. Dividers on the benches to discourage sleeping on them
- 8. Better control and monitoring of the bathrooms
 - a. Night time closures
- 9. Activate Cascade Park through buskers, a part time parks employee/concierge, etc.
- 10. Work with SDOT to review safety concerns at various pedestrian crossings, bikeways, and roadways (mentioned locations).
 - a. Fairview Av N/Republican St o Fairview Av N/Mercer St
 - b. Fairview Av N/Valley St.
 - c. Possible inclusion of a signal device at Westlake Av N/John St.
 - d. Bike traffic and safety on Dexter Av
 - e. "Cut the rough" bicycle traffic at Westlake Av N/Mercer St
- 11. Work with transit to address congestion and safety concerns about busses using the Cascade neighborhood as their "turn around" location. The streets are narrow and reportedly not conducive to doing this safely.
- 12. Continue to encourage and support public education and information efforts by SDOT and other agencies to help the public understand the on-going projects, when they are likely to be completed, what the rules and regulations are for the new bicycle and traffic lanes, and how the City's traffic plan will help alleviate some of their issues in time.